he allows England and Russia to draw war-supplies from our mines, mills, and powder magazines.

I think the Germans have a perfect right to criticise our jug-handled neutrality, but the criticism should not take the direction of sinking our ships and murdering our citizens.

EDITORIAL NOTES

By J. D. WATSON

SECRETARY DANIELS has created an Advisory Committee on Naval Inventions, consisting of such men as Thos. A. Edison, Chairman; Alexander Graham Bell, of telephone fame; Simon Lake, builder of the submarine; Orville Wright, inventor of the heavier-than-air flying machine; Nikola Tesla, electrical expert and inventor of the turbine; John Hays Hammond, Jr., who has made successful experiments of controlling boats and torpedoes by means of wireless, and last, but by no means least, Henry Ford, builder of the celebrated "John Henry's," that flit over the highways and byways of this and other countries by the hundreds of thousands.

This Board will act in an advisory capacity to the naval experts who have been making a special study of devices being used in the European war, and will say what inventions submitted are practical, as well as trying to devise something entirely new from the lessons taught us during the last ten months.

If we are to get ready for war—if we are to go into the business on the same scale as the European nations—the above Board, with the addition of Maxim, inventor of explosives and devices for guns, is an admirable one.

We could search the world over and not find better men than either of the proposed members of the Board. They are recognized geniuses throughout civilization, and any war-loving nation will envy us the talent from which we had to select.

As a first step toward militarism, Mr. Daniels has put his foot on solid ground—for one time he has inaugurated something for which the press of the land is not ridiculing him—for once he has said something without having to dodge bricks of ridicule from those who want our army and navy to compare in strength with the army of Germany and the navy of England.

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It is a strange thing that as civilization and Christianity are supposed to advance, the desire to kill keeps pace with the advancement.

On Secretary Daniel's proposed Advisory Board you will find men that this Government could not hire for money—you see a body of men whose services reckoned in dollars and cents would stagger you—yet these men are giving their services because of their patriotism to their country, and their energy will be bent toward discovering something that will destroy mankind more effectively than any death-dealing device we have at the present time.

Here we have the example of one Christian nation calling to her aid the services of her most noted inventors to invent something newer than any of the other Christian nations have—something that will send the tens of thousands of other Christians to Glory faster than the submarine or the German 42 centimetre will do it today—and before the year is out we will not be surprised to learn that the huge battleship, as well as the present dreaded submarine, are absolutely useless in time of war.

And yet Mr. Bryan is chattering about brotherly love and universal peace.

Man is a fighting animal, and he is going to fight whenever his passions are aroused.

While Mr. Bryan is harping on his twenty worthless peace treaties, Edison, Maxim, Hammond, et al., are working on inventions that will destroy the twenty nations that signed the Bryan treaties.

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Mr. Bryan has finally given up his basic theory of how we should act to keep the dove of peace cooing. He sums it up as follows:

"If patriotism requires a man to risk his life for his country when his country is engaged in war, it would seem to be patriotic for a citizen to avoid risks that might involve his country in war," meaning that it would be patriotic for all Americans to keep off the high seas, and for us to surrender a right that has always been claimed by nations.

According to this way of reasoning, Washington, and all of the patriots who aided us to hrow off the yoke of England were not patriots, just as those who fought in the war of 1812 were not patriots.

If Mr. Bryan's line of reasoning had been followed by patriots, where would the world be today? Where would this country be if our forefathers had followed this nonsensical line of reasoning prior to the Revolutionary War?

The high sea is a public highway—it belongs to one nation as much as it does another, and whenever one nation tries to prevent another nations its free use under the international rules, it is an act of war.

It is doubtful if Mr. Bryan knows any more about patriotism than he knows about international law, and we had ample proof of his knowledge on that subject during his term as Secretary of State.

If Mr. Bryan really believes what he preaches, why did he not quit the Cabinet when we invaded Mexico without provocation, and why did he leave his regiment during the time of the Spanish-American war to persuade Democratic Senators to vote for the Paris treaty unloading upon us the Philippines?

Mr. Bryan knew full well that our taking the Philippines when the natives had practically whipped Spain and won their independence was a step that would involve us in war with the Philippinos—he knew well that we had recognized the Philippinos' claim to independence by accepting them as allies against Spain, and that they aided us because they expected us to grant their indepndence as son as Spain was whipped.

According to Mr. Bryan's reasoning, we acted unpatriotic when we interfered in Cuba, yet the same Mr. Bryan condoned our unpatriotic conduct by heading a Nebraska regiment, and remaining in the service on a Colonel's pay for a good, long time.

From Mr. Bryan's record on patriotism, compared to his latest utterance, what are we to think of him—how are we to know when he is sincere and when he is acting the demagogue?

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About as nervy a piece of self-conceit as has even been show, as well as lack of propriety, was displayed by Mr. Bryan when he took away with him the desk in the Secretary of State's office that he had used while he was Secretary.

Mr. Bryan's explanation for his cheekiness was that it was the desk on which his peace treaties had been signed, and he wished to keep the desk because of its association with his work for peace.

How many people know anything about the Bryan peace treaties, or care a continental?

During the very time that he was doing such wonderful things to prevent future wars, the worst war in the history of mankind was growing every day in fury, and the Bryan peace treaties were regarded by all as jokes.

Although Mr. Bryan put a new desk in place of the one he moved out of the State Department, the one he took had been there with it things of more interest to the people than anything Mr. Bryan ever did or ever will do.

The work of many *real* Secretaries had been done on it—treaties more important than any Bryan "peace" treaties had been signed on it—and the use by Mr. Bryan of it had been more of a sacrilige than honor to its fifty years history.

Think over the Secretaries of State that we have had since the time of Lincoln, who had used this desk, and it convinces you more fully what a self-conceited wind-jammer Mr. Bryan has become.

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On his way to California, Colonel Roosevelt announced that he would support any decent Republican as against President Wilson next year, and the announcement will make the political pot begin to boil.

The Republicans do not care for Roosevelt's opposition to defeat the party as it did in 1912—they will not make him lead an independent fight against the organization if they can help it—so it is a safe bet that the next Republican nominee will be a man whom the Colonel considers "a decent Republican."

At this time, it looks more like a split in the Democratic ranks in 1916 than it does among the Republicans, for the breach between Mr. Bryan and President Wilson is sure to widen, while the breach between the Republican organization and Colonel oRosevelt may be healed.

Democratic success in 1916 is not an assured fact, by any means.

The present administration was elected by a minority vote, and if the Republicans make peace with Roosevelt, Roosevelt will carry back into the Republican party with him the Bull Moose vote of 1912, that gave to the Democrats States usually Republican.

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